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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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1. claims: 1-3, 16-23

An apparatus for focusing at least two laser beams onto the same focal point, and its utilisation.

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2. claims: 4-15

An apparatus and the associated method for multiplexing laser beams with temporal interleaving.

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